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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

**Claim 1 (cancelled)**

**Claim 2 (cancelled)**

**Claim 3 (cancelled)**

**Claim 4 (cancelled)**

**Claim 5 (cancelled)**

**Claim 6 (cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (cancelled)**

**Claim 8 (currently amended):** A method of using a composite material, comprising:  
a supporting material constituted by scraps of natural leather in the form of a sheet or a roll; ~~constituted by~~  
and a covering layer including a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the natural leather and the polyethylene film; and  
the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 9 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including the step of cutting the composite material to form the product.

**Claim 10 (cancelled)**

**Claim 11 (cancelled)**

**Claim 12 (cancelled)**

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**Claim 13 (currently amended):** A method of using composite material, comprising:

~~a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials;~~

~~natural leather;~~

a supporting material constituted by scraps of natural leather in the form of a sheet or a roll;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including the step of cutting the composite material to form the product.

**Claim 15 (cancelled)**

**Claim 16 (cancelled)**

**Claim 17 (cancelled)**

**Claim 18 (currently amended):** A method of using composite material, comprising:

~~a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials;~~

~~natural leather;~~

a supporting material constituted by scraps of natural leather in the form of a sheet or a roll;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

the natural leather being directly coupled to the film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or

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chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 19 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including the step of cutting the composite material to form the product.

**Claim 20 (cancelled)**

**Claim 21 (cancelled)**

**Claim 22 (cancelled)**

**Claim 23 (cancelled)**

**Claim 24 (previously presented):** A method of claim 8 including cold bonding the film layer, the film layer not being extruded directly onto the leather.

**Claim 25 (previously presented):** A method of claim 8 including applying an adhesive between the film layer and the leather.

**Claim 26 (previously presented):** A method of claim 8 including hot bonding the film layer, the film layer not being extruded directly onto the leather.

**Claim 27 (previously presented):** A method of claim 8 including effecting the embossing on the film layer during the bonding.

**Claim 28 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including interposing a dyestuff layer between the film layer and the leather.

**Claim 29 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including spraying a leather scent to the material.

**Claim 30 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 8 including forming a series of perforations to the composite material.

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**Claim 31 (currently amended):** A method of using a composite material, comprising:  
a supporting material in the form of a sheet or a roll constituted by a mixture of a regenerated natural leather material; ~~such material being an essentially natural material;~~  
a covering surface layer including a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the natural leather and the polyethylene film; and  
the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 32 (currently amended):** A method of using composite material, comprising:  
a supporting material in the form of a sheet or a roll constituted by ~~one of the following materials:~~

a mixture of regenerated natural leather material; ~~such material being an essentially natural material;~~

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 33 (currently amended):** A method of using composite material, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of a sheet or a roll constituted by ~~one of the following materials:~~

a mixture of regenerated natural leather material; ~~such material being an essentially natural material;~~

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

the reconstructed natural leather material being directly coupled to the film; and

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or

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chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and including the step of forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 34 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 31 including spraying a leather scent to the material.

**Claim 35 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 32 including spraying a leather scent to the material.

**Claim 36 (previously presented):** A method as claimed in claim 33 including spraying a leather scent to the material.

**Claim 37 (withdrawn):** A method of forming a composite material, comprising:

providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by a mixture of a natural leather and a covering surface layer including a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the natural leather and the polyethylene film; and the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and

forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 38 (withdrawn):** A method of forming a composite material, comprising:

providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

natural leather;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

there being no foam between the supporting material and film;

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and

forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

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**Claim 39 (withdrawn):** A method of forming a composite material, comprising:  
providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

natural leather;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

the natural leather being directly coupled to the film;

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and

forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 40 (withdrawn):** A method as claimed in claim 37 including the step of cutting the composite material to form the product.

**Claim 41 (withdrawn):** A method of claim 37 including cold bonding the film layer, the film layer not being extruded directly onto the leather.

**Claim 42 (withdrawn):** A method of claim 37 including applying an adhesive between the film layer and the leather.

**Claim 43 (withdrawn):** A method of claim 37 including hot bonding the film layer, the film layer not being extruded directly onto the leather.

**Claim 44 (withdrawn):** A method of claim 37 including effecting the embossing on the film layer during the bonding.

**Claim 45 (withdrawn):** A method as claimed in claim 37 including interposing a dyestuff layer between the film layer and the leather.

**Claim 46 (withdrawn):** A method as claimed in claim 37 including spraying a leather scent to the material.

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**Claim 47 (withdrawn):** A method as claimed in claim 37 including forming a series of perforations to the composite material.

**Claim 48 (withdrawn):** A method of forming a composite material, comprising:

providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by a mixture of a reconstructed leather material; a covering surface layer including a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the reconstructed leather material and the polyethylene film; and the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and

forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 49 (withdrawn):** A method of using composite material, comprising:

providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

a reconstructed natural leather material;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

there being no foam between the supporting reconstructed leather material and film;

the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and

forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 50 (withdrawn):** A method of forming a composite material, comprising:

providing a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

a reconstructed natural leather material;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film;

the reconstructed natural leather material being directly coupled to the film;

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the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements; and  
forming the material into a shape to produce at least one of the products.

**Claim 51 (withdrawn):** A composite material for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by natural leather a covering surface layer; and

a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the natural leather and the polyethylene film.

**Claim 52 (withdrawn):** A composite material the composite being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, and the material comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials;

natural leather;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and

there being no foam between the natural leather and film.

**Claim 53 (withdrawn):** A composite material being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing element, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

natural leather;



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a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and  
the natural leather material being directly coupled to the film.

**Claim 54 (withdrawn):** A composite material for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by a mixture of a reconstructed leather material; a covering surface layer; and

a film of polyethylene, to provide a composite material of only two materials, the materials being the natural leather material and the polyethylene film.

**Claim 55 (withdrawn):** A composite material being for producing a product being selectively footwear soles and/or heels and/or vamps and/or toes, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chairs or sofas elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

a reconstructed leather material;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and

there being no foam between the natural leather material and film.

**Claim 56 (withdrawn):** A composite material being for producing a product being selectively footwear sole and/or heel and/or vamp and/or toe, and/or suitcase elements and/or spectacle-cases and/or briefcases, and/or chair or sofa elements or structures or furniture or furnishing elements, comprising:

a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by one of the following materials:

a reconstructed leather material;

a covering surface layer including a polyethylene film; and

the natural leather material being directly coupled to the film.